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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 7186
BILL NUMBER: SB 370

DATE PREPARED: Jan 3, 2002
BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: Physician Delegated Prescriptive Authority.

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FUNDS AFFECTED: ☒ **GENERAL**
☒ **DEDICATED**
FEDERAL

IMPACT: State

STATE IMPACT	FY 2002	FY 2003	FY 2004
State Revenues			
State Expenditures		18,000	9,750
Net Increase (Decrease)		(18,000)	(9,750)

Summary of Legislation: This bill authorizes: (1) a physician to delegate prescribing privileges to a physician assistant; and (2) a physician assistant to prescribe legend drugs. The bill restricts a physician assistant from prescribing, administering, or monitoring general anesthesia, regional block anesthesia, or deep sedation unless certain conditions are met.

Effective Date: July 1, 2002.

Explanation of State Expenditures: The Health Professions Bureau oversees the state regulation of physician assistants. The Bureau could incur additional expenses if physician assistants are granted prescriptive authority. The promulgation of rules related to this bill is expected to require the Bureau's Physician Assistant Committee to meet monthly in FY 2003 and bimonthly in FY 2004. (The Committee currently meets quarterly.) The Bureau may also experience an increase in telephone inquiries about the proposed changes. The bill will also require the Bureau to discard current controlled substance registration (CSR) applications and create new applications to include physician assistants. The total estimated costs associated with licensing physician assistants and allowing prescriptive authority for FY 2003 and FY 2004 are shown below.

<u>Expense</u>	<u>FY2003</u>	<u>FY2004</u>
Per Diem	\$ 3,000	\$ 1,500
Travel	\$ 9,500	\$ 4,750
Printing	\$ 2,000	\$ 1,000
Postage	\$ 2,000	\$ 1,000
Telephone	\$ 750	\$ 750
<u>Supplies</u>	<u>\$ 750</u>	<u>\$ 750</u>
TOTAL	\$18,000	\$ 9,750

Background Information: As of January 24, 2001, the Bureau had three full-time vacancies. With respect to General Fund reversions, the Bureau reverted \$177,982 in FY 2000 and \$50,119 in FY 2001.

Explanation of State Revenues: The proposal may affect the number of new applications and the amount of renewal fees the Bureau collects. The specific impact, however, is indeterminable. As of December 31, 2000, there were 288 certified physician assistants in Indiana. The cost for an initial application is \$30, and the cost to renew the certificate is \$20 biennially. Revenue collected from the physician assistant application and renewal fees in FY 2000 equaled \$7,105. These fees are deposited in the State General Fund.

This information will be updated for current data when available.

Explanation of Local Expenditures:

Explanation of Local Revenues:

State Agencies Affected: Health Professions Bureau.

Local Agencies Affected:

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